Drivers Ed For Parenting

General Maintenance Part 1.1

* Introduction:
* Your cars are different sizes, color, and shapes and used for different purposes.
* Key questions that will be answered:
  + What is their natural bent or temperament?
  + How does that God-given bent affect their character and personality?
  + What’s the difference between their temperament, their personality, and their character?
  + Where are they in the sibling pecking order? In other words, are they a 1st born, middle child, last child, or only child?
  + Psalm 139: 14-16 says, ***“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”***

**According to the above passage you were precisely**  planned, and you were purposelyplanned.

* + You were “woven” and “ordained” for God’s purpose
  + Each strand is different from another and each ordained path is different,
  + In other words each car has a different color, style, and shape.

Jeremiah 29: 11 says, “*I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*”.

* + This verse says the plans that were ordained in Psalm 139 have a three-fold promise
  + To help you  **prosper**
  + To give you  **hope**
  + To give you ***a* future**

***Our Problem***

* + *We are born with a condition that we cannot fix without outside help.*
  + *The condition is called SIN .*
  + *The apostle Paul has a lot to say about this problem.*

***in Romans 7:15, 18-21 he said, “I don’t understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do… I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.”***

* + ***Sounds like a MAJOR PROBLEM. (What’s frustrating about habitual sin?)***
  + ***Key Point: Most parent /teen issues are not due to lack of communication but due to SIN.***

***Group Discussion***

*Get in groups of 4-6, On your lesson list at least 5 sins and how they affect parent/teen relationships. (10 mins)*

*Sin How*



Three main parts of our engine that gives it its power.

* # 1- The Temperament
* #2- The Character
* #3- The Personality

What’s the difference between temperament, character, and personality?

“***Temperament”*** is the combination of inborn traits that subconsciously affect human behavior

* What would be some inborn traits that makes a person who they are?

“***Character”*** is the real you. It’s the result of your temperament modified by childhood training, education, basic attitudes, beliefs, and principles

* What types of training in the home as a child could have produced a more insecure teenager? More fearful teenager? More rebellious teenager?

“***Personality”*** is the outward expression of ourselves, which may or may not be the same as our character.”

* Can you give an example of how a teen’s personality could mask their true character?
* As a group, discuss how the Apostle Peter’s temperament, character, and personality played out in the following events.
  + A. The denial of Christ around the fire
  + B. The desire for Christ’s acceptance after the resurrection on the beach.

In summary, “temperament is the combination of traits we are born with; character is our ‘civilized’ temperament; and personality is the ‘face’ we show to others.”